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FISHERY UPDATE



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SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE #6

The department conducted an aerial survey this morning covering Sitka Sound north of Cape Burunof. Spotting conditions were good under overcast skies and light winds. North of Sitka concentrations of sea lions and whales continue to be seen in the area between the islands and the Baranof Island shoreline distributed from the north end of Kasiana Island to the entrance of Nakwasina Sound. Scattered small groups of sea lions were also seen in the outer half of Katlian Bay. At Inner Point there were 70 sea lions with an additional 30 sea lions scattered along the Kruzof Island shoreline north to Kamenoi Point. South of Sitka, a few sea lions were seen scattered in the Aleutkina Bay and near Silver Point. Approximately 35 sea lions were seen in Silver Bay.

There were two test samples taken today with the following results:

Mountain Point; 150 t; 8.9% mature roe; 3.0% immature roe; 159 gram; 50% female.

Aleutkina Bay; 120 t; 7.9% mature roe; 4.7% immature roe; 155 gram; 51% female.

Given the results of today's samples the plan will be to resume test sampling efforts on Wednesday. The *R/V Kestrel* will be arriving Sitka Tuesday morning and the department will conduct a sonar survey of areas north of town Tuesday afternoon.

Updates will be posted on the ADF&G web site listed below, and on a recorded message phone at (907) 747-1009.

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